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A Busy Month

I sent off my manuscript to my editor. He's busy working on it and said it should be done by the end of May. So now I wait.

I've been looking for artists. I found one that looks promising. I sent him some questions about what I'm looking for. He's sure that he can do it. We talked about specking out one chapter and having him do it as a trial. So that ball is back in my court. I've got to decide how many drawings I want and then describe them. So, in this case, he's waiting for me.

My other job has been demanding this month. I've been putting in ten and eleven hour days. I use to do stretches like that when I was younger and not be affected by it too much. Now, when I come home after ten hours (which is really twelve when you add the hour for lunch and the hour for the drive to and from work) I don't have the motivation to do anything. It's quite frustrating.

I haven't made a lamp in over two months. I do have some interesting ideas and I've got several great bottles. I've made three lamps this year - one for my nephew, one for the owner of the restaurant we eat at every Tuesday (El Charro's) and the last for me.

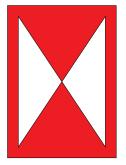


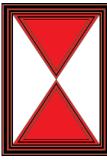


Each of these lamps has a good story behind it, which I'll get to writing at some point.



I've done some play-testing of my card game with random people. Everyone enjoys it and I got a good Idea from one of them. He suggested that I take my rather plain cards and change them to feel Art Deco.





You have to imagine that the white part in those two images is transparent. He is the back of the card design (for the match cards which are not transparent.

I found an Art Deco font I really like. What do you think? Do you like the simple design on the left or the Art Deco design on the right?





I'm going to try and get cards printed up so I have them for Comiccon in July - which means I have to get them to the printer in May. I've thought about doing a Kick-Starter campaign for the card game, but I don't know if I have enough bandwidth to do one justice. I guess I'll have to decide in the next couple weeks.

Well, that's it for this months newsletter. I was hoping to have the next installment of my super-hero story ready for this month. I even started writing it in the 3rd, but with work and everything else, I only wrote half a page. Maybe I'll have it written for May.

Thank you all for your support and feedback. Let me know what you think about the game and what rewards would you like to see in a Kick Starter campaign.

Until next mount...

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